



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Executive Committee

Meeting Summary

July 22, 2002
Adams Mark Hotel
Columbia, SC

The Executive Committee of the SRS CAB met Monday, July 22 at 4:30 p.m. at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Columbia, S.C. The following were in attendance:

CAB Members

Wade Waters*
Jean Sulc*
Nancy Ann Ciehanski*
Mel Galin*
Ken Goad*
Jimmy Mackey*
Bill Willoughby*
Gerald Devitt
Perry Holcomb
Dorene Richardson
Murray Riley

DOE/Contractors

Gerri Flemming, DOE
Tom Heenan, DOE
Charlie Anderson, DOE
Teresa Haas, WSRC
Dawn Haygood, WSRC
Mike Schoener, CAB Facilitator

Stakeholders

Brendolyn Jenkins
Lynn Waishwell
Craig Williamson

*Executive Committee Members
Committee Member Lola Richardson was unable to attend.

SRS CAB 2003 Meeting Schedule

Wade Waters opened the meeting with a discussion regarding the SRS Citizens Advisory Board meeting schedule for 2003. He stated he was of the opinion that meetings should be reverted back to a bimonthly meeting schedule. Mel Galin commented that the meetings were changed in order for everyone to benefit from committee work and the problem regarding knowledge of all committee work still needs to be addressed. Bill Willoughby commented that the Waste Management Committee has a fair amount of public participation when meetings are held locally and that participation had been lost the past year. He stated time would be better spent with active local participation. There was discussion regarding the fact that concurrent meetings are difficult for those who participate on more than one committee.

Jimmy Mackey moved the Board return to a bimonthly meeting schedule with committee meetings set individually by the various chairpersons. It was determined that Monday committee meetings held in conjunction with the full Board meetings would meet in combined session. The motion passed with six members in favor and one abstention from Mel Galin. (The two-day bi-monthly schedule was proposed and accepted by the full Board the following day.)

There was brief discussion regarding whether to return to Savannah, Ga. where hotel costs are prohibitive. Wade Waters suggested that Savannah should be avoided given economic considerations. Tom Heenan, DOE, stated that Savannah should not be eliminated, and perhaps could be rotated

annually with meetings held in Hilton Head. Mel Galin suggested the Board look at Fort Stewart or Hunter for possible meeting locations.

Educational Retreat

Jean Sulc presented a draft agenda for an education retreat to be held September 23-24, 2002, in Charleston, S.C. Mike Schoener briefly discussed the agenda outline. Nancy Ann Ciehanski commented on the basic education needs for new CAB members. Wade Waters noted a briefing book being developed to provide all CAB members with basic information and contacts for various programs. Mel Galin noted his disappointment with the proposed agenda stating that most education should take place in committee meetings. He stated the application of theory to what the real problems are is very difficult. He suggested alternative ideas for the education retreat including an invitation to Secretary Abraham, Assistant Secretary Jessie Roberson and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for presentations. He stated the SRS CAB needed to revisit risk management as well. The only portion of the agenda he found useful was the regulatory section. Mr. Galin stated that the Board needed an explanation of how the program management plan will be implemented, NEPA accelerated, the budget process and how technology is impacted by the move to the Office of Science & Technology. The majority of the Committee members disagreed and defended the original agenda for the Education Retreat noting that basic education is needed for new members and as a refresher for those with tenure.

It was determined that the Chairs of the Committees should play a role in the retreat.

Other Issues

Mel Galin stated he was considering changing the name of the Strategic & Long Term Issues Committee to Strategic Initiatives since the Long Term Stewardship Committee had been formed. He planned to discuss it with the committee later in the evening.

Jimmy Mackey announced that Dorene Richardson had agreed to co-chair the Environmental Restoration Committee.

Perry Holcomb presented a proposal to amend the SRS CAB Bylaws Section 5.3 "Meeting and Minutes" to read "Committees shall meet independently of the Board. **Notice, including the proposed agenda, of any regular or special meeting of any Board committee, including the Executive Committee, any adhoc committee or any subgroup of any Board committee, shall be served to each Board member and Agency representative either personally or by regular mail or by electronic mail at least seven days before a regular meeting and at least five days before a special meeting.** Meetings shall be open to the public. A written record of committee meeting shall be placed in repositories available to the public within 30 days of their occurrence."

Public Comments

Brendolyn Jenkins, former SRS CAB Vice Chair and member, commented she is working with the Diversity Board of Directors at SRS. Education is one of her passions, therefore she was glad to hear about the retreat. She challenged the Board to revive outreach and help in educating the public and to make a concerted effort in special meetings or a series of meetings.

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